







The steamer *Aito*, which carried on a weekly service between Saigon and Phnom-Penh, sank on the 5th instant, and all the passengers and cargo were saved, but the vessel and cargo were destroyed. The *Aito* belonged to a company chiefly composed of Chinese. M. Gerhard, in whose name the papers were made out, was also largely interested in the enterprise.

The *Independent de Saigon* of the 6th instant, says an accident which might have had serious consequences occurred recently at Haiphong. On the 1st instant, the steamer *Leopold*, of the China station steaming eastward, was struck when one of the gunners had imperfectly closed the vent of an explosion by the breach took place. Several persons were hurt, particularly M. Forster, who had his face badly burnt.

**HUE**

By the Chinese steamer *Poochi*, which arrived from Hoo on the 3rd inst., we learn that that city is in a state of constant alarm, and is surrounded by a wall of the French, equivalent to that of the Chinese. The French are preparing to besiege the capital at any time, for they have been making great preparations. Chains have been stretched across the river to keep off any hostile vessels, and the forts have been ready to open fire upon the invader, whilst the city is full of soldiers. However, the forts and the guns in the city are in a state of disrepair, for they are much weakened and disorganized. It is said that the firing of the old guns would be attended with more danger to those in the forts than to any vessels or troops their fire might be directed against. The soldiers, too, seem to be scarcely more formidable than the forts are believed to be, since they are miserably armed with weapons such as were probably used many hundred years ago—namely, swords and spears with wooden points. The weapons now to be seen in the Massons have probably given up the old style of halberd than a spear. These quanit and not very formidable weapons seem to form the entire equipment of most of the men, who even with good modern weapons, would not be able to make much of a stand against European troops. The officials at Hoo regard every craft which approaches the place with great suspicion, and the *Poochi* was stopped by the *Leopold*'s boat, which is very familiar to them, and was sent specially for the trial of that port, not being allowed to go up to the city for a considerable time. The captain, the mate, and the commanders were marched off by a guard of Annamite soldiers to the authorities, and after a good deal of consideration, the officials allowed the chance to be lowered, and the vessel to go up to the town. The *Poochi* brought with her the news of the arrival of the French, and the *Leopold*, having been sent to the company, which was lost on the bar of the river a few months ago. The wreck is still on the bar, but is now almost entirely below the surface of the water.

### THE PHILIPPINES.

#### MANILA.

The cholera epidemic still prevails at Cebu, but in less violent form, the number of persons attacked and the percentage of deaths both showing a fall.

On the 17th May the condition of the Governor-General of the Philippines was much improved. During the previous two days His Excellency had been in a very critical state and the gravest apprehensions were entertained. On the 17th he revised his will. The administration of the Government during the continuation of His Excellency's illness has been handed over to General *Alvarado*, the Adjutant of the Governor, having been appointed by the Madrid Government, the Minister for the Colonies replied that the King as well as the Ministry desired to be informed daily of the condition of the illustrious patient.

### INTIMATIONS.

#### 1883.

#### SUMMER TIME TABLE.

#### KOWLOON FERRY.

The COMMUNICANT STEAM LAUNCH "KOWLOON OON" will, from the 1st May, 1883, run daily, as a Ferry boat between Pedder's Wharf, and Tsui-ka-tsun, at the following hours:—

**WEEK DAYS:**—**SUNDAYS:** 6.00 A.M., 7.00 A.M., 6.00 P.M., 7.00 P.M.

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The above Time Table will be strictly and punctually adhered to.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1883. [107]

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### NOTICE.

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### NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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#### ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

#### Hongkong, January, 1883. [123]

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**STUDIO, QUEENS ROAD.**—Nearly opposite the Hotelkong Hotel. [162]

#### "JAPAN GAZETTE."

#### YOKOHAMA.

HAVING been appointed Agent in Hongkong, and Sorkin Circular, for the Japan Gazette, "Japan, Gazette, Summary," and "Hong List," Orders for Subscriptions, and Advertisements will be received at this Office, Hongkong, 23rd May, 1883.

### TO BE LET.

**HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.**—Agents received on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in First-class Godowns.

Entire GODOWNS to BE LET. Apply to *MEYER, & CO.* Hongkong, 3rd March, 1883. [107]

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**ROOMS in Club CHAMBERS.**—Apply to *DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.* Hongkong, 1st February, 1883. [130]

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**NO. 2 SEMI-DETACHED VILLAS** on Caine Road, each containing 5 Rooms, Bath, Rooms and all Conveniences. Lawn Tennis Ground, Stabling, &c., &c. Apply to *DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.* Hongkong, 12th May, 1883. [198]

#### TO LET.

**WIDE HOUSE** on 1st June, 1883, containing 5 Rooms, and a Kitchen, with a quantity of Coal. The house is in a good state of repair, and is well decorated.

In addition to the usual Out-Offices the Property contains Stables and Coach-House, Gardener's Quarters, Poultry-house, and Tool-houses.

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His Excellency said he thought that in any case where an officer was defending the interests of the public he was entitled.

The CHIEF JUSTICE said he thought that if the Surveyor-General was discharging his duty to the public he should be no question as to the propriety of the opposition.

Hon. J. M. PRICE said the seat His Excellency now occupied might not always be occupied by one holding the same opinions.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY said he would ask the Attorney-General whether the difficulty might not be met by making the section read "the Surveyor-General on behalf of the Government."

The Acting-GENERAL said that if the clause was not to stand as it was, which he should have thought was sufficient, he should think the case might be met by inserting words to the effect that in the event of the Surveyor-General being ordered to pay the expenses they should be paid out of the Treasury.

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His Excellency—Well, I will put it to the Council, but the idea seems to be that there is no need for any alteration.

Hon. P. EVANS seconded the motion for the postponement of the consideration of the section.

Hon. F. B. JOHNSON said that if the Surveyor-General asked for a postponement he thought it only right it should be postponed.

Consideration of the Section was postponed accordingly.

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His Excellency said the section opened rather a wide question. Difficulties had arisen in Lisbon in reference to a similar matter. He happened to know about that, because he was there last October. He might explain to the Council that there were two tramway companies in Lisbon. The rails belonged to the state and large company and the trams carts, and so on, were owned by a company which had a right to use the trams when the other company's carts were not on the lines, but they were compelled to get out of the way when the heavier carts came. The latter were called *carros*, the horse-bands, and the others *coches*, lorries, and the lorries had to get out of the way when the horse-bands came; as they used to say there was no competition between lorries and horse-bands in Lisbon.

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Hon. F. B. JOHNSON—No.

The section was then agreed to. The remainder of the Bill passed through Committee, with the exception of the section already mentioned as postponed, and the Council then adjourned until Thursday, the 31st May.

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The Hon. F. B. JOHNSON said with regard to section 20 of the Ordinance, his hon. friend the Surveyor-General on Saturday last objected to the section as applied to the promoters, and proposed to substitute in its place a section as it was contained in the bill which passed the Council two years ago. He asked for time to consider the effect of that proposal, and since then the solicitor to the promoters had had a conference with the Surveyor-General, and it had been arranged that the original clause should be substituted for that which now stood in the bill, as it had been provided by the Committee. The hon. friend maintained the difference between the two sections, which affected the control of Surveyor-General over the dealings of the Tramway Company with water and gas pipes, telegraph lines, &c., in the putting down, taking up, or repair of the tramways, and the way in which the expense was to be borne. The Committee had agreed to the substitution of the original clause, and the promoters provided the Committee would object.

The Hon. P. EVANS seconded the adoption of the old clause.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL thought before that motion was put the Committee should consider the first hearing of the section. The first hearing was that if the Tramway Company, in dealing with their line, injured any gas, water, or telegraph lines, they would be liable to the company concerned, because it removed the liability from them in the case of injury to the pipe, &c., they being sheltered by the Surveyor-General. He preferred the section as it stood.

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The Hon. F. B. JOHNSON next proceeded to deal with clause 24, and said after consultation with the Surveyor-General, he had agreed to the last words of the section, which were to the effect that the cost of the reference of a dispute between the Company and the Surveyor-General should be borne by either party as the Governor in Council directed.

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The interpretation clause was passed without objection.

Hon. F. B. JOHNSON then moved that the Bill be passed.

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for the Colonial Secretary in sections 11 and 12. There will be an appeal in all cases, as provided by the Ordinance, to the Governor in Council, if the decision applying shall not be satisfied with the decision of the Medical Board.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded the second reading.

Carried.

The Council then went into Committee upon the Bill.

In section 1 the 1st July was inserted as the date of commencement of the Ordinance.

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Hon. P. EVANS said certain doctors had expressed the opinion that there ought to be a lawyer on the Board.

Objection was also taken to the word "practitioners," several members expressing the opinion that it would be better to appoint medical men without private practice, such as army and naval doctors.

Ultimately the clause was amended to the effect that the Board should consist of any three qualified medical men and not of other members, medical or otherwise, not exceeding three.

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